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Silverswords and Lobeliads: Restoring Hawai'i's Marvels of Evolution

Tuesday June 23rd at 7:00 pm Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

The native silversword and lobeliad lineages of Hawaiʻi are the world's most spectacular examples of plant adaptive radiation, in which single colonizing ancestors have given rise to a stunning diversity of descendant species. Yet the two lineages now include some of the world's most critically imperiled plants. Focusing on the Ka'u silversword and Pele lobeliad as examples, join **Dr. Robert Robichaux**, distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona and Founder and President of the Board of Trustees of the Hawaiian Silversword Foundation as he discusses the highly collaborative, largescale endangered plant reintroduction efforts on Hawaiʻi Island. This fascinating presentation illustrates the value of integrating the reintroduction efforts with ongoing ecosystem restoration efforts across large landscapes.